

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on June 4, 2002, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1 and 2 are currently pending in the above-referenced application and have been allowed. The indication that claims 1 and 2 recite allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 3-12, which are subject to a restriction requirement, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter recited in claims 3-12 in a divisional application that claims priority to the above-referenced application.

The original letters patent (U.S. Patent 5,291,061, issued March 1, 1994) was surrendered to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Application Serial No. 08/610,127 filed February 29, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. RE 36,613, issued March 14, 2000), which is the parent of the present application, and are therefore inaccessible to Applicant.

If any issues preventing the allowance of the above-referenced application remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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